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SUBJECT: QADHAFI DISCUSSES SPANISH SAHARA WITH MOROCCAN PRESS

1. IN INTERVIEW GIVEN TO MOROCCAN PRESS REPRESENTATIVES JUNE 15 AND REPORTED IN ISTIQLAL DAILY L'OPINION JUNE 19, PRESIDENT QADHAFI TOUCHED, INTER ALIA, ON LIBYAN POSITION ON SPANISH-MOROCCAN TERRITORIAL DISPUTES. QADHAFI REPORTEDLY SUPPORTED ARMED LIBERATION OF SAHARA, CEUTA AND MELILLA AND REAFFIRMED LIBYAN PROMISE TO SEND TROOPS TO FIGHT BY SIDE OF MOROCCANS IN EVENT OF HOSTILITIES WITH SPAIN. HE FURTHER QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE MULTIPLICATION OF ENTITIES WITHIN THE ARAB NATION".

2. COMMENT: LAST STATEMENT, IF ACCURATELY REPORTED, APPEARS TO GO SOME DISTANCE TOWARDS SUPPORTING MOROCCAN OPPOSITION TO SAHARAN INDEPENDENCE. WE HAVE IN PAST VIEWED WITH SKEPTICISM MOROCCAN PRESS CLAIMS OF TOTAL LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR GOM'S SAHARA POLICY. FOREGOING SUGGESTS THAT, FOR MOMENT AT LEAST, QADHAFI REALLY MAY HAVE DECIDED TO LEAN A BIT TO

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MOROCCAN SIDE.

3. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED BOTH IN EMBASSY TRIPOLI'S COMMENTS
ON FOREGOING AND IN KNOWING WHETHER L'OPINION'S REPORT IS
ACCURATE. SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS HAS NOT YET CARRIED REPORT.
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